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ABSTRACT

This book examines sexual abuse and provides a plan of action for educators in schools. Following a historical perspective and a report on the extent of the problem in chapters 1 and 2, chapter 3 presents case studies of abuse involving adult males and female students, adult males and male students, and adult females and male students. Chapter 4, "Psychological and Emotional Causes--Teachers Who Sexually Abuse Students," offers the perspectives of a psychologist and a school attorney. Chapter 5, "What to Look for and How to Avoid Career Destruction," advises school personnel about situations and behavior potentially leading to sexual abuse. Chapter 6, "Prevention: A Shared Responsibility," discusses prevention techniques applicable to staff, students, and parents. Chapter 7, "Negligent Hiring and Negligent Retention," looks at the hiring standards and the impact of civil legislation. Chapter 8, "Investigative Techniques and Considerations," deals with law enforcement, and sexual harassment investigation in the K-12 school setting. An appendix contains the story of the wife of a teacher who, for many years, molested his female students. An Afterward discusses "Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District," the 1998 United States Supreme Court decision involving a consensual sexual relationship between a student and a teacher. (Contains 50 references.) (RIB)

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